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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Gus Roman, Canaan Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA.

We are glad to have you with us.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Gus Roman, offered the following prayer:

Let us bow our heads, please. Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened unto you. Let us pray:

In reverence we beseech You for Your presence, eternal God of love, justice, and power, whose providence and purpose have resulted in the emergence of the nations and governments. We thank You for this our country and for the inspired leaders of the past and present who have dedicated themselves and developed and shaped our Nation which has become a beacon for freedom, human rights, and justice. We thankfully present to You these men and women who continue the evolving legislative legacy of our Government to fulfill our national and global destiny to address the issues and challenges we face today.

O God, as they deliberate and make decisions, give them the awareness of Your presence, Your wisdom, understanding, and courage that with their determination, Your purpose will be accomplished. Keep before them Your mandate that justice must run down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream. Give them the assurance and confidence that truth and human rights will prevail in spite of the forces of injustice and evil. We offer our prayers in the spirit of Jesus. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable BILL FRIST, a Senator from the State of Tennessee, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FRIST). The Senator from Pennsylvania.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, before making opening announcements on behalf of the leader, I yield to my distinguished colleague from Pennsylvania, Senator SANTORUM. Then I will have a few comments about the Reverend after Senator SANTORUM concludes.

Mr. SANTORUM. I thank my colleague from Pennsylvania, Senator SPECTER.

REVEREND DR. GUS ROMAN

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I welcome Rev. Gus Roman from Canaan Baptist Church in Philadelphia. Reverend Roman is a giant among pastors in Philadelphia. He has held many leadership positions within the clergy, within the city of Philadelphia, and has been the right arm of Rev. Leon Sullivan, who may be a giant among giants within Philadelphia and around the world.

In particular, I refer to his work reaching into Africa, working on AIDS projects with the terrible scourge that is crossing Africa today. Reverend Roman is on the front line urging not only his church but other churches to respond to the need in America, as well as the wonderful things we have been able to accomplish—Reverend Roman and myself and others—in the community in Philadelphia. He has been a great leader, someone who has been a real tour de force not only in evangelizing the word of God but in putting God's will into action in the community.

It is an honor to have him here today. We certainly welcome him wholeheartedly to the Senate.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I join my distinguished colleague, Senator SANTORUM, in words of praise for Rev. Gus Roman. As a fellow Philadelphian,

I have had an opportunity to watch his work. He has an outstanding record and an outstanding reputation.

It was very nice of him to come to Washington and lead the Senate in the opening prayer. When Senator SANTORUM makes comments about the work of Reverend Sullivan, that has been acclaimed nationally and internationally. I had my first opportunity to work with Reverend Sullivan many years ago when he took a deserted police station in north Philadelphia and turned it into the Opportunities Industrialization Corps, providing job training. It is worthy to note that Reverend Sullivan is in town today. There is an African American summit dinner tonight at the ballroom of the Washington Hilton—not to give too many advertisements in conjunction with the prayer.

Reverend Sullivan's work, as Reverend Roman's work, is very distinguished and a great contribution to America.

SCHEDULE

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, today the Senate will be in a period of morning business until approximately 10 a.m., with Senators AKAKA and LOTT in control of the time. Following morning business, the Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 4577, the Labor-Health Human Services appropriations bill. Amendments are expected to be offered and debated during this morning's session. At 1:20 p.m. today, the Senate will resume consideration of the foreign operations appropriations bill to debate final amendments. Votes will begin at 2 p.m. on the remaining amendments and on final passage of foreign operations and on any votes ordered in relation to the Labor appropriations bill. Further votes are expected throughout this evening's session. I thank my colleagues for their cooperation.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.